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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 14874 ACTION SECSTATE 01 NOV 76.

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S E C R E T CAIRO 14874

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR KS KN EG
SUBJECT: FAHMY ON KOREA

REF: STATE 252334

1. I WAS NOT ABLE TO DISCUSS KOREA WITH FAHMY UNTIL TODAY.
I REMINDED HIM OF OUR PREVIOUS TALK ON THE SUBJECT AND OUR
INABILITY TO ACCEPT ANY NORTH KOREAN EFFORT TO DEAL WITH US
EXCLUDING ROKG. I RECALLED YOUR SEPTEMBER 30 UNGA SPEECH
AND THE PASSAGE ON KOREA. THIS WAS A SERIOUS, POSITIVE APPROACH
TO THE PROBLEM WHICH WE HOPED NORTH KOREA AND ITS SUPPORTERS

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CAN ACCEPT OR OFFER CONSTRUCTIVE ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS.

IF HE THOUGHT IT USEFUL, FAHMY MIGHT RE-ASSURE THE NORTH KOREANS OF THIS FACT.

2. I SUGGESTED THAT FAHMY, IF HE WISHED TO BE HLEPFUL, SHOULD CONTINUE TO URGE THE NORTH KOREANS TO RESUME DIRECT SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE AND TO GIVE A CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSALS. HE COULD POINT OUT TO NORTH KOREANS THAT, IF THEY WERE TO AGREE TO START TALKS ON A TRILATERAL OR QUADRILATERAL BASIS, INCLUDING SOUTH KOREA IN EACH CASE, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN THAT CONTEXT FOR US TO TAKE UP MATTERS NOT CONCERNING KOREA DIRECTLY WITH THE NORTH KOREANS.

3. FAHMY EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT OUR REPLY. HE PROFESSED TO SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT ACT AS SOUTH KOREA'S PROXY AND TALK DIRECTLY TO THE NORTH KOREANS ON MATTERS CONCERNING KOREA. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT SUBJECTS NORTH KOREA AND WE MIGHT HAVE TO DISCUSS DIRECTLY OUTSIDE OF KOREAN MATTERS, AND THOUGHT THIS IDEA WAS A NON-STARTER. HE WISHED THAT WE COULD BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN THIS MATTER. I EMPHASIZED THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO TALK TO THE NORTH KOREANS WITHOUT SOUTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION.

4. FAHMY SAID THAT FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM BULGARIA AND YUGLOSLAVIA, HE WILL TAKE UP THE MATTER WITH THE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR. HE WAS NOT SANGUINE THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE.

5. DEPT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO EMBASSY SEOUL.
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